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WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of February 5 thru February 11, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 660 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

VEHICLE FIRE - On February 6 at 9:00 p.m. on the 1700 block of Suburban Avenue fire companies extinguished a vehicle fire. Damage is estimated at \$10,000 and \$200 in contents.



Vehicle fire on the 1700 block of Suburban Avenue.

UNATTENDED COOKING - On February 7 at 12:32 a.m. on the 700 block of Selby Avenue the occupant had been heating cooking oil when the pan caught on fire. He then took the pan to the sink where most of the damage occurred to the wall and blinds. He did not put water on the fire but used an extinguisher. Stove top "Firestop" extinguishers were in place but flames were not high enough before he took the pan off of the stove. Damage is estimated at \$500.

GARAGE FIRE - On February 8 at 4:20 p.m. on the 800 block of Lafond Avenue fire companies were dispatched to a garage fire. The fire started in a dog house and spread to the fence and two detached garages on each side. The dog house had two electrical heaters in it to keep the dog warm. The dog did not survive. Damages totaled \$9,000.



An electrical heater inside a dog house caused a fire that damaged two garages and was fatal to the dog.

CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING - On February 8 at 2:50 p.m. on the 1200 block of Hartford Avenue a 35 year old woman was exposed to carbon monoxide. She was at home when the CO alarm started sounding in the basement. Fire companies responded and evaluated the situation and found unhealthy levels of carbon monoxide. She refused transport to the hospital and was advised to have her furnace checked out.

- **Her carbon monoxide alarm may have saved her life. State law requires all residences to have a carbon monoxide alarm within 10 feet of the entrance to every bedroom,**

COLD EXPOSURE - On February 8 at 6:49 p.m. on the 1200 block of St. Anthony a 20 year old woman was evaluated by Paramedics with no transport to the hospital being needed. She had been outside barefoot having a discussion with her boyfriend.

CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING - On February 8 at 9:43 p.m. on the 400 block of Temperance Street a 20 year old man was exposed to carbon monoxide poisoning. His CO detector had been sounding. A fire crew checked and found unacceptable levels and advised him not to re-enter until Xcel could arrive to determine the source of the leak. The resident did not want to be transported to a nearby hospital.

COLD EXPOSURE - On February 11 at 8:25 a.m. on the 500 block of Humboldt Avenue a 53 year old woman was transported to a nearby hospital by Paramedics after being found outside wandering around and appearing confused.